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Sir:

Submitted herewith for consideration by the examiner are copies of the items identified on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Each of the submitted items was cited in an International Search Report mailed on June 12, 2000 in connection with a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed herewith for the convenience of the examiner.

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